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TAGS: SOPN, PBOR, MILI, LE, IS
SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING STATEMENT CONCERNING REPORTS OF
ISRAELI ARMS SUPPLIES TO LEBANESE CHRISTIANS

1. AT AUGUST 8 BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN, IN REPLY TO QUESTION
CONCERNING REPORTS THAT CHRISTIAN MILITIA ARE BEING
SUPPLIED WITH ARMS BY THE ISRAELIS, REPLIED THAT: "THE LAST
THING WE SAID ON THAT WAS THAT WE HAD SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT
THERE WERE ARMS BEING SUPPLIED TO THE MARONITE COMMUNITY, AND
WE HAD BEEN HAVING DISCUSSION WITH THE ISRAELIS ABOUT THOSE
REPORTS. I DON'T BELIEVE I OR ANYONE HERE, HAS EVER CONFIRMED
THAT WE HAVE INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION".

2. AT JULY 17 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN, IN
RESPONSE TO QUERY ABOUT ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE PHALANGE BY SEA
STATED: "WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ANY U.S.-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT
(UNDERLINED) WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO OUR REGULATIONS AND OUR
AGREEMENTS WITH THE ISRAELIS BEING SHIPPED IN THE MANNER THAT YOU
SUGGEST".

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT RESPONSE TO ANY SIMILAR QUESTIONS,
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STATE THAT: "WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT
U.S.-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT (INDERLINED) WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO OUR
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REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS WITH THE ISRAELIS IS BEING PROVIDED TO THE
CHRISTIAN MILITIA".
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